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SUBJ: CLARIFICATION SESSION ON TRINIDAD & TOBAGO TROPICAL PRO-  
DUCT REQUESTS

REF: MTN GENEVA A-314

1. CLARIFICATION SESSION ON TRINIDAD & TOBAGO'S TROPICAL PRO-  
DUCTS REQUEST LIST HELD SEPT 25 WITH T&T DELEGATE, CUMBERBATCH,  
WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM UN SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. CUMBER-  
BATCH IS SEEKING CLARIFICATION VARIOUS POINTS FROM PORT-OF-SPAIN.  
HE EMPHASIZED THAT, FROM T&T'S VIEWPOINT, CONSIDERATIONS OF RUM AS  
A TROPICAL PRODUCT, AND HENCE GRANTING OF EARLY TARIFF REDUCTIONS  
ON IT, WAS MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF WORK OF TROPICAL PRODUCTS  
GROUP IN MTN. STATE AND STR ADVICE PARA 11 REQUESTED.

2. 110.10 ALBACORE FRESH. REQUEST TO BIND FREE RATE. USDEL  
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STATED RATE BOUND TO JAPAN. T&T DROPPED REQUEST.

3. 114.45 OTHER SHELLFISH. T&T'S INTEREST IS IN RAW SHRIMP, 114.4557. THEY ARE NOTIFYING A HEALTH AND SANITARY BARRIER (MARYLAND STATE REQUIREMENTS ON OYSTERS, CLAMS, AND MUSSELS), AND WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS TO SPECIFICS.
  4. VARIOUS VEGETABLES. CUMBERBATCH SAID THAT REQUEST LIST FOR VARIOUS VEGETABLES SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED BY GATT SECRETARIAT AT THIS TIME. T&T RESERVED RIGHT TO PRESENT LISTS LATER ON FRUITS AND VEGETABLES. USDEL POINTED OUT DIFFICULTY OF CONSIDERING POTATOES, TOMATOES, ETC. AS TROPICAL PRODUCTS. CUMBERBATCH HOPED DEFINITION OF TROPICAL PRODUCTS WOULD NOT EXCLUDE ALL PRODUCTS WHICH COULD BE GROWN IN THE U.S.
  5. 155.20 CANE SUGAR. GSP REQUESTED.
  6. 155.40 MOLASSES. GSP REQUESTED.
  7. 156.10 COCOA BEANS AND 160.10 COFFEE CRUDE. REQUESTS DROPPED WHEN INFORMED RATES BOUND.
  8. 160.20 SOLUBLE COFFEE. REQUEST TO BIND FREE RATE.
  9. 161.65 NUTMET GROUND. GSP REQUESTED. T&T HAS NOT EXPORTED GROUND NUTMEG TO US IN 1971-1974 PERIOD AND IS CHECKING REQUEST. IT HAS EXPORTED 161.63, NUTMEG UNGROUND, WHICH IS FREE.
  10. 161.94, SAGE UNGROUND AND 161.96 SAGE GROUND. GSP REQUESTED.
  11. 168.15 BITTERS. T&T REQUESTING MAXIMUM MFN REDUCTION. IN ADDITION, AS PRINCIPAL US SUPPLIER, CUMBERBATCH INQUIRED IF T&T ELIGIBLE FOR GSP UNDER TRADE ACT SECTION 504 C(2)(D) ON GROUNDS THAT A LIKE OR DIRECTLY COMPETITIVE ARTICLE IS NOT PRODUCED IN THE US. CUMBERBATCH EMPHASIZED T&T'S INTEREST IN BITTERS WHICH HAD BEEN A PRODUCT UNIQUE TO T&T FOR 125 YEARS. STATE AND STR ADVICE REQUESTED.
  12. 168.40 RUM. T&T REQUESTING BOTH MAXIMUM MFN REDUCTION AND GSP. CUMBERBATCH STRESSED T&T'S INTEREST IN LOWERING US TARIFF ON RUM, WHICH IS MUCH HIGHER THAN ON GIN OR WHISKEY, AND STRESSED UNCLASSIFIED  
  
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- ITS IMPORTANCE TO JAMAICA AND OTHER CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES. T&T HAD SOUGHT UNSUCCESSFULLY TARIFF REDUCTIONS ON RUM IN KENNEDY ROUND. IN ADDITION, T&T IS REQUESTING CHANGE IN WINE GALLON BASIS FOR ASSESSMENT OF INTERNAL REVENUE TAX.
13. 182.46 SAUCES. GSP REQUESTED. T&T SEEKING TO IDENTIFY PARTICULAR SAUCES IN WHICH IT IS INTERESTED.

14. 184.75 ANIMAL FEEDS. GSP AND LIBERALIZATION OF QUOTA REQUESTED. (QUOTA IS ONLY ON FEEDS CONTAINING MILK OR MILK DERIVATIVES.) T&T IS SEEKING TO IDENTIFY PARTICULAR FEEDS IN WHICH IT IS INTERESTED.

15. 193.10 TONKA BEANS. MFN AND GSP REQUESTED. CUMBERBATCH NOTED THAT T&T AND VENEZUELA WERE ONLY US SUPPLIERS, AND THAT PRODUCT DID NOT APPEAR TO COMPETE WITH US-PRODUCED PRODUCTS.

16. 165.25 LIME JUICE. GSP REQUESTED.

17. 165.30 GRAPEFRUIT AND ORANGE JUICES. GSP REQUESTED. CUMBERBATCH STATED BELIEF US WAS AVOIDING CITRUS IMPORTS FROM T&T.

18. 165.55 FRUIT JUICES. GSP REQUESTED. T&T SEEKING TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC FRUIT JUICES IN WHICH IT IS INTERESTED. WALKER

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